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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: Sang H. Ahn et al.

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FOR: MAINTENANCE OF PHOTORESIST ADHESION
AND ACTIVITY ON THE SURFACE OF
DIELECTRIC ARCS FOR 90 nm FEATURE SIZES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756

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§ EXAMINER: D. Chacko Davis

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Date: May 24, 2006

AMENDMENT "B"
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment "B" is in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of April 24, 2006. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to respond accompanies this Amendment "B", to extend the time for response through May 24, 2006.

Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 29, 39 and 40 are withdrawn under a restriction requirement. Claims 30 - 38 are rejected.

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Claims 30 - 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over
U.S. Patent No. 6,927,178 to Kim et al.

Please amend the application as follows.